

NSC BRIEFING

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BACKGROUND: G-2 BREAKDOWN OF ARMY STRENGTH IN ALGERIA

A. Algerian and other North African Natives	- -	45,000
B. Other Natives (mostly West Africans)	- -	5,000
C. White (Frenchmen of Metropolitan or Algerian origin, plus Foreign Legion)*	- -	113,000
Total		----- 163,000

- Note: 1. These are rough estimates only: no accurate and confirmed figures are available.
2. No ethnic breakdown is available for Gendarmerie, other security and policy forces in Algeria.

Army review(s) completed.

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*At least 10,000 of the white troops are probably French of Algerian origin, and up to 15,000 may be Foreign Legion.